

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend claims as follows:*

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

coding a request comprising one or more telephone numbers;

transmitting said request to a network serving entity for performing a network information retrieval;

receiving a response from said network serving entity, said response comprising network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

decoding said response to extract said network information; and

storing said network information in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the response is structured into at least one information record, said information record includes one telephone number of said one or more telephone numbers and a network operator providing services to said one telephone number.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

selecting said one or more telephone numbers from a plurality of telephone numbers stored in a telephone directory of a communication terminal.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said selecting is performed manually by a user of said communication terminal.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said selecting is performed automatically in accordance with a pre-defined selection definition.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein storing said network information comprises:

identifying at least one telephone directory entry in a telephone directory of a communication terminal on the basis of said one telephone number that is included in said information record;

storing said network information by including said network information into said at least one identified telephone directory entry.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said network information further comprises charging information.

9. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

receiving a request from a communication terminal, wherein said request comprises one or more telephone numbers;

decoding said request to extract said one or more telephone numbers;

retrieving network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

coding a response which comprises said retrieved network information; and transmitting said response to said communication terminal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein retrieving network information comprises accessing a data storage which stores network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to a plurality of telephone numbers.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said response is structured into at least one information record including one telephone number of said one or more telephone numbers and a network operator providing services to said one telephone number.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said network information further comprises charging information.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising a computer readable storage medium storing program code sections thereon for use by a microprocessor in a communication terminal device, said program code comprising:

instructions for coding a request comprising one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for transmitting said request to a network serving entity for performing a network information retrieval;

instructions for receiving a response from said network serving entity, said response comprising network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for decoding said response to extract said network information; and

instructions for storing said network information in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer program product, comprising program code sections stored on a computer readable medium for use by a network serving entity, said program code comprising:

instructions for receiving a request from a communication terminal, wherein said request comprises one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for decoding said request to extract said one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for retrieving network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers;

instructions for coding a response which comprises said retrieved network information; and

instructions for transmitting said response to said communication terminal.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processor,

a user interface,

a data storage, and

a network communication interface,

wherein the user interface is configured to receive a user input for requesting network information related to one or more telephone numbers,

wherein the processor is ~~configured~~ to generate a request which includes the one or more telephone numbers;

wherein the network communication interface is configured to transmit said request to a network entity and receive a response from the network entity in accordance with said request;

wherein the processor is further ~~configured~~ to decode said response, wherein said response comprises network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more telephone numbers; and

wherein the data storage is configured to store said network information in a telephone directory in conjunction with said one or more telephone numbers.

19. (Currently Amended) A network serving entity, comprising:

a processor,

a communication interface, and

an information data storage,

wherein the communication interface is ~~configured~~ to receive a request from a communication terminal and to transmit a response to said request to said communication terminal; and

wherein the processor is configured to decode said request which includes one or more telephone numbers, retrieve from the information data storage network information identifying one or more network operators providing services to said one or more

telephone numbers, and code said response which comprises said retrieved network information for transmitting to the communication terminal.

20. (Canceled)